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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Praising Stars© 2 - Report to parents and End of term Letter

We have had a great start to the new academic year and as the new Principal I have worked with staff and students to implement some changes that will impact on students learning and progress. These changes include:-

- Recall and retention tasks at the start of every lesson to aid student memory
- 'Every second counts' timed task in every lesson
- Focus on praise and positivity, alongside 'Star of the lesson' awards
- Second bell each lesson encouraging students to take responsibility for punctuality
- Absence folders in all classrooms to support any students who may have been absent

Random Acts of Kindness

In the run up to the end of term we have launched our 'Random Acts of Kindness Tree' where we will be celebrating the things that students and staff do, simply to be nice to someone else. In the spirit of the season and the launch of this, we have been giving out numerous prizes and gifts to star students throughout lessons, to maintain the positive working atmosphere in the Academy.

Praising Stars 2 Report:

Please find enclosed the second Praising Stars© information, of the year, for your child. This is the second of six reports that will be produced throughout the academic year, ensuring you are kept fully informed about progress towards challenging targets, effort levels and to flag up any concerns.

Target grades will help you to understand the progress being made by your child and ultimately what they should be aiming to achieve at the end of KS3 or KS4. Year 7 students now have assessment data in their report.

Term Dates / Times:

The current term ends at **2:30pm** on **THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2019**. Spring Term resumes, following our Christmas break, on **MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020** and we expect students to arrive at the usual time of **8.20am**.

Pto:

Standards:

We have high expectations in regard to our students and how they conduct and present themselves in and around the Academy. May I remind parents of the following expectations, as we have noticed a number of uniform issues towards the end of term, which need to be rectified in advance of the new term in January 2020.

- Black socks - must be worn, not socks of different colours.
- Acrylic nails/nail polish - should not be worn for school. Parents will be requested to arrange appointments to get acrylic/gel nails removed if students are arriving with such nails.
- Coats - students should be wearing a coat in the winter weather, and this should be worn OVER their blazer. Jackets and hoodies, should not be worn under blazers or inside the school building.
- Hair bobbles must be black or purple in colour.

Social Media

As I am sure many parents are aware the Academy regularly updates our Facebook and Twitter pages. If you do not already 'follow' the Academy on either platform, please take the time to have a look. We utilise these pages as a way of keeping families abreast of key information in addition to celebrating the success stories of our students.

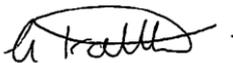
Key upcoming dates:

- Parents Evening 3 – Tuesday 11th Feb 2020 between 5.00 -7.00pm

I am delighted that following the most recent parents evening 100% of parents surveyed, agreed that their child is taught well at this Academy. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Yours faithfully



Mrs G Trattles
Principal

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